

Middle East Situation

Information Cut-Off: 1600h (GMT), 24 March 2026

Executive Summary

Iranian attacks have continued on Israel, and US-Israeli strikes have continued on Iran and Lebanon.

Pakistan, one of several countries pushing for a diplomatic solution to the conflict, has offered to facilitate negotiations.

The Iranian government continues to deny that negotiations with the United States are currently taking place.

Israel

The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) has warned the Israeli government that it will attack Israeli Defence Force (IDF) personnel in northern Israel and near Gaza with missile and drone attacks “without restraint” if the IDF conducts attacks against civilians in Lebanon.

Hezbollah reportedly launched rockets this afternoon at northern Israel, including Kiryat Shmona and nearby areas. This afternoon, the military reported missiles heading towards Israel from Iran, and an Iranian missile in southern Israel injured at least three people in a Bedouin community.

Since this morning, the Iranian army has launched drone attacks at Ben Gurion International Airport, specifically targeting refuelling aircraft.

Iran

Tehran continues to deny that any negotiations are taking place with the US, and has said that it will not discuss a ceasefire as long as air strikes continue. Its military spokesman said on state television this afternoon that its army will fight until “complete victory”.

Explosions have been reported this afternoon in Tehran and Isfahan.

Security forces have said they have arrested 466 people for online activity that spreads fear and is designed to generate instability in Iran.

The Israeli army claimed this morning to have conducted “extensive strikes targeting production sites” in Iran, but gave no further information.

International

It has emerged today that the head of the Pakistani army spoke to President Trump on Sunday, and that the Pakistani prime minister spoke to the Iranian president yesterday. Today, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry has signalled its intention to host negotiations between Tehran and Washington.

Prime Minister Modi of India has also been discussing the situation with President Trump, highlighting his concerns over the Strait of Hormuz, as India has suffered significantly due to the lack of access to Middle Eastern crude oil.

The UK and France have again been in discussions about building a naval coalition to secure the Strait of Hormuz.

Regional

Lebanon

Israeli air strikes have destroyed another civilian road bridge, the al-Dallafa bridge in the Bekaa Valley, eastern Lebanon. Air strikes have also hit towns and suburbs in southern Lebanon, including Kfar Tebnit, Mahrouna, al-Maashouq, Nabatieh, Sahel Alma (a Christian town north of Beirut) and an area near Tyre (evacuation alerts have been issued by the IDF for four specific areas of Tyre). The IDF has said that it has been targeting what it claims are fuel stations funding Hezbollah.

A Hezbollah spokesman has said that the militia will target IDF soldiers planning to take control of Lebanese territory south of the Litani river.

An Israeli soldier has been injured in southern Lebanon, according to the Israeli state media.

This afternoon the Lebanese government ordered the Iranian ambassador to leave the country by Sunday, and then summoned own its envoy from Iran, citing Tehran's violation of "diplomatic norms".

United Arab Emirates

The UAE military said this afternoon that it has intercepted five missiles and 17 drones from Iran so far today. It has also said that a Moroccan national contracted to the Emirati armed forces has been killed by an Iranian missile attack in Bahrain, and five Emirati nationals injured.

Saudi Arabia

An Iranian drone has reportedly been intercepted and destroyed over Eastern Province.

Qatar

As it warned last week, QatarEnergy has declared force majeure on some of its long-term LNG contracts, including customers in Italy, Belgium, South Korea and China, as a result of the attack on Ras Laffan.

Advice

- Do not travel to the Middle East.
- Avoid all travel within the region unless safe travel can be guaranteed.
- Shelter in place in a secure location.
- Follow instructions from local authorities and any national embassy guidelines.
- Monitor official updates and ensure phones are set up to receive alerts.
- Avoid any demonstrations or gatherings in the region.
- Globally, reconsider travel to any locations with links to Israel or Judaism.
- If you need further support, or wish to discuss options for evacuation, call NGS.

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